

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A herbal composition for improving anticancer activity, immune response and hematopoiesis of the body, and protecting the body from oxidative damage, comprising an effective amount of a first hot-water extract from a mixture of the plants *Angelicae gigantis* Radix, *Cnidium officinale* Makino and *Paeonia japonica* Miyabe et Takeda at an equal weight ratio, and an effective amount of a polysaccharide fraction as a precipitate formed by adding ethanol to a second hot-water extract from a mixture of the plants *Angelicae gigantis* Radix, *Cnidium officinale* Makino and *Paeonia japonica* Miyabe et Takeda at an equal weight ratio.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The herbal composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the polysaccharide fraction is contained in the herbal composition at 1.5 to 4 times an amount of the polysaccharide fraction in the first hot water extract~~ the amount of the second hot-water extract is 0.5 to 3 times the amount of the first hot-water extract.

Claim 3 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for treating cancer, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 4 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for improving the immune function, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 5 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for improving

the hematopoietic function, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 6 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for protecting the body from oxidative damage, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 7 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for preventing the side effects of cancer therapy, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 8 (original): A functional food for treating cancer, improving the immune function and hematopoietic function, protecting the body from oxidative damage, and preventing the side effects of cancer therapy, comprising the herbal composition of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of preparing a herbal composition, comprising the following steps:

- (1) preparing ~~the~~ a mixture consisting of the plants *Angelicae gigantis* Radix, *Cnidium officinale* Makino and *Paeonia japonica* Miyabe et Takeda at an equal weight ratio, adding water at 5 to 20 times the total weight of the mixture, and heating the resulting mixture to prepare a first hot-water extract; and
- (2) adding ethanol to a second hot-water extract prepared according to the same method as in Step (1), and collecting the precipitate to obtain a polysaccharide fraction; and
- (3) mixing an effective amount of the polysaccharide fraction prepared ~~at~~ in Step (2) with an effective amount of the hot-water extract prepared ~~at~~ in Step (1) to generate a herbal composition.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 9, wherein, ~~to obtain the polysaccharide fraction within the range, at~~ in Step (2), the second hot-water extract is

~~preferably~~ used at 0.5 to 3 times the amount of the first hot-water extract prepared ~~at~~ in Step (1).